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The progress of any community is dependent upon men of courage, vision and determination. Men who cannot be satisfied with life as they find it will inevitably make a better life for all, creating values of mind and institutions of service which bring satisfaction to themselves and benefits to their fellow men.

Such a man was Dr. Karl O. Nielson, who came to Wasatch Valley as a young physician, armed with little more than determination to succeed in his chosen profession. During 20 years of service to citizens of the valley he remained true to the trust which was his as a doctor. Through his compassion for others and his progressive vision, the Nielson Memorial Hospital now stands as irrefutable evidence of his success. This hospital named in his honor, together with the love and respect of his friends, testifies to the realization of his highest ambition for service.

Karl was born the second son of Dr. Alexander John Nielson and Andrea Jesson, on December 6, 1904, in Washington, D. C. His father was attending Georgetown University at the time and was president of the first LDS branch in Washington. He was named after Dr. Karl G. Maeser.

The family moved to Ephraim, Utah, where he was reared and educated in the public schools and two years in Snow College.

He attended the University of Utah a year and taught school in Sevier County. The next two years he taught in Spring

Canyon, Carbon County, Utah. He met and married Florence Tuttle, a school teacher, on March 14, 1928.

Karl worked a year in the Spring Canyon Coal Co. office when the dread depression of 1929 struck. Here a baby girl, Florence Karlene, was born and died on February 22, 1929.

Karl then decided to enroll at the University of Utah for a medical education. A daughter, Carroll Lee, was born on September 21, 1930, and the education went on.

On June 6, 1932, Karl received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Utah. He was accepted by Rush Medical School in Chicago for the final two years of training.

On March 12, 1935, Karl O. Nielson received his doctor of medicine degree and entered Salt Lake County Hospital as an intern. He spent 15 months working there and in May, 1936, he began working with Dr. T. A. Dannenberg in Heber Hospital. He became a partner in the business in two years, and for 18 years longer he checked the pulse of the area.

A major renovation was made in the hospital in 1938. The building's two-story front porches were removed, creating a large reception room on the main floor and a private room on the second floor. The coal stove in the kitchen gave way to an electric range.

Dr. Dannenberg retired in 1944, and Dr. Eldred Wright of Coalville came to work. He left in 1946 and Dr. Willard Draper joined the staff, and together these two inaugurated a new era of progress for Heber Hospital.

During the fall of 1948 extensive renovations were carried out. A large modern operating room was constructed on the main floor, and an X-ray room, other office space and an elevator were added.

In the upstairs a new delivery room was added, with adjoining labor room, a new nursery, two bathrooms, a new ward and an outside entrance. These were completed on December 26, 1948. The hospital then had medical equipment and services equivalent to big city hospitals.

Karl had two sons born there, Karl Douglas and Richard Eric.

Karl was a member of Heber First Ward of the LDS Church. He was a member and

past president of Heber Lions Club, Wasatch Summit Knife and Fork Club, and the Wasatch Chamber of Commerce. He served on the Wasatch Selective Service Board and was president of the Wasatch Mutual Aid Society, an insurance company. Prior to his death he had been elected president of the Utah County Medical Society and would have served the following year.

On Easter morning 1953 he suffered a serious heart attack. He recovered sufficiently in the fall to resume a limited practice for two years.

He suffered a second coronary attack on May 12, 1956, Mothers' Day, and died in the hospital he had helped to create. He died at the age of 51.

The Wasatch Wave summed up his life in these words: "He lived big, loved much and when he left, a whole community took it hard. The tragedy of a man's death is measured by the value of his life, for Dr. Karl O. Nielson, county doctor, community leader, modest philanthropist and family man, we shall mourn a long time."

1944-1956

12 yrs

1956-1957

1 yr

DR. WILLARD J. DRAPER



Dr. Willard J. Draper was the son of Charles H. and Nettie Harris Draper. He was born January 4, 1921, at Layton, Utah. He was accidentally killed by a gunshot wound June 4, 1958, and was buried in Heber City Cemetery.

On June 13, 1945, he married Helen Martin. They were the parents of three children: Martin Berry, Diane, and Robert C. Draper.

Dr. Draper was a graduate of Davis
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High School, Weber College, Brigham Young University and the Northwestern University Medical School at Chicago, Ill. He interned at the LDS Hospital, Salt Lake City.

He was the owner of Heber Hospital and Clinic and co-owner of the Mt. Spa Resort, and had resided in Heber City 12 years. He was a kind and understanding person and was loved by the people of Wasatch County.

His interest in gardening made his home grounds a beauty spot in Heber. He took an active part in civic affairs. His art of cooking was unexcelled. The Smorgasbord luncheons he prepared were the finest of their kind. He did all the buying and most of the cooking. Hundreds of dollars were raised through these dinners for polio drives.

He loved to fish and hunt on his days away from the hospital. He was a capable and useful person.

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DR. R. RAYMOND GREEN

Dr. R. Raymond Green was born to William Raymond and Dettat Leona Collins Green on January 29, 1917, in Provo, Utah. He received his elementary education in the Provo city schools, graduating from Brig-

ham Young University with an A.B. degree in 1943.

Between 1937 and 1939 he filled a mission to the East German Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Prior to his departure for that mission, he was married to Virginia Tucker, daughter of George Warren and Keziah Frances Mower Tucker of Provo, Utah. Virginia Tucker Green was born in Fairview, Utah, October 5, 1917.

While attending the BYU this couple had two children, namely: Honalee Green, born 18 July, 1940, and Sondra Green, born September 28, 1942, both in Provo, Utah.

Dr. Green's medical education was completed at the University of Utah in 1947, from where he graduated with his M.D. degree. He interned 15 months in the U. S. Marine Hospital in Staten Island, New York. He served in the following hospitals as surgical resident: Coffey Hospital, Portland, Oregon, 1948-49; (while at Portland a son, Steven Robert, was born, October 11, 1948); U. S. Public Health Service Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, 1949-51, with teaching assignment at the John Hopkins Hospital, 1950-51; U. S. Public Health Service Hospital in Staten Island, New York, 1951-52. While in Staten Island, another son was born, Richard Raymond Green, on February 18, 1953. And finally, one year was served as chief of orthopedic surgery at the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital in Seattle, Washington, 1952-53.

Dr. Green began private practice in Provo, Utah, in the specialty of surgery in July, 1953, and continued one year.

In July, 1954, he joined Drs. Karl O. Nielson and Willard J. Draper at the Heber Hospital, doing principally surgery. After their successive deaths, Dr. Green was



chief of Heber Hospital between 1957 and 1960.

On the 1st of March, 1960, Dr. Green established his own private practice, separate from Heber Hospital.

While living in Heber the two daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Green married two fine local men. Sondra was first to marry, on September 9, 1960, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple, to Steven A. VanWagoner, son of Ammon and Phyllis Cummings VanWagoner, and on July 27, 1961, Honalee Green was married to Carl William Seiter, son of Walter H. and Alice Facer Seiter, in the Swiss LDS Temple.

1957-1987
30 yrs